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SUBJ: ROK PRESS ANNOUNCES HOLBROOKE/CODEL WOLFF VISIT

1. ROK VERNACULARS AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING PAPERS
EVENING APRIL 5 AND MORNING APRIL 6 RAN MAJOR FRONT-PAGE
STORY ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S AND CODEL'S
PLANNED APRIL 10-21 VISIT TO SEOUL. PAPERS FEATURED
HOLBROOKE VISIT AND ONE OR TWO ALSO FEATURED FACT THAT
"PETER BOURNE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT CARTER," WOULD
BE COMING TO SEOUL. QUOTING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, SEOUL
PRESS SAID THAT HOLBROOKE AND BOURNE WILL ACCOMPANY 12-MEMBER
CODEL AND WOULD DISCUSS "IN DETAIL" TIMETABLE FOR U.S.
REDUCTION OF AMERICAN GROUND TROOPS IN KOREA. ROKG,
ACCORDING PRESS, EXPECTED TO EXPLAIN KOREA'S POSITION
TO THE AMERICAN SIDE. OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED
WOULD BE REINFORCEMENT KOREAN ARMED FORCES AND JOINT
UNITED NATIONS STRATEGY.

2. POLCOUNS POINTED OUT TO MOFA AMERICAN BUREAU
DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG APRIL 6 OBVIOUS DISTORTIONS AND
SPECULATIONS IN THESE ARTICLES AND MADE POINT THAT THEY
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WOULD NOT BE WELL-RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD NOT
BE HELPFUL TO ANYONE. PAK QUICKLY RESPONDED
THAT ARTICLES WERE SHEER SPECULATION, PRESS HAD BEEN
OUT OF BOUNDS TO CARRY THEM, MOFA PRESS BUREAU HAD
BEEN ADMONISHED, AND ORDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO GET PRESS
TO RUN CORRECTIVE ARTICLES.

3. IN FACT ONLY TWO VERNACULAR PAPERS RAN ADDITIONAL
STORIES ON CODEL/HOLBROOKE VISIT AFTERNOON APRIL 6.
CHUNGANG ILBO CARRIED A WASHINGTON DATELINE STORY WHEREIN
STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCE REPORTED DENYING THAT HOLBROOKE
WILL DISCUSS WITHDRAWAL OF USFK OR RELATED FIP ISSUES.
DEPARTMENT SOURCE, ACCORDING CHUNGANG, SAID HOLBROOKE'S
CALLS ON PM CHOE KYU-HA AND FORNMIN PAK TONG-JIN WILL BE
NO MORE THAN COURTESY CALLS. KYONGHYANG SINMUN, WHICH
APPARENTLY DID NOT GET "THE WORD" ON OTHER HAND
AFTERNOON EDITION CONTINUED TO REPEAT EARLIER STORY, SAYING
HOLBROOKE AND PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR BOURNE WILL MEET WITH
HIGH LEVEL ROKG OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF
FORCE WITHDRAWAL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SECURITY
ON THE PENINSULA.
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